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Bureau of Emergency Preparedness and Response

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**“Developing a comprehensive and compassionate response”**

Speaker Biography

**DALE W. DOWNEY, CFSP**

Dale W. Downey, CFSP, has been Commander of the Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team, Weapons of Mass Destruction, a component of the US Department of Health and Human Services, National Disaster Medical System since 1991. The team performs search and recovery operations and decontaminates fatalities from nuclear, biological, chemical, radiological and explosive incidents, as well as meeting with local, state, and federal agencies who assist during the disaster, including, but not limited to, the agencies responsible for family assistance, FBI, state law enforcement, emergency management officials and others. Commander Downey is a HAZ MAT Technician and instructor on Incident Management. He, along with his team, has continuously been active, performing much of their research at the UT Forensic Research Facility, commonly referred to as the “Body Farm”.